

Some of the conservative business men of the county seat are just at present exercised about the quality of brick being placed in the walls of the new court house addition—not the political wire-pullers, mind you—but patient, conservative citizens, who believe public interests should be considered in the same light as private business. The Advocate editor is not an expert on brick. In fact, he has come into actual contact with gold brick at numerous times in his corduroy career without detecting anything spurious until long after, but "there are those" at Carlsbad who do pretend to save the game who do not hesitate to say the material referred to is punk. They even go so far as to intimate that the said brick is no better than warmed-over mud, though lacking the compactness and durability of ordinary adobe. This statement is interesting, if true. Eddy county is erecting the present building because the one put up some years ago is in a dangerous condition and there is mighty poor business in piling up another mud wall to crumble in a few years. If conditions are so bad as represented to the Advocate, the contractor should be restrained from putting the material in the wall. The supposition however, on the part of its Carlsbad friends that the Advocate is the sole and only constituted authority to save the taxpayers from pillage is somewhat exaggerated. If they have the fact flaunted before their eyes every day that the material is worthless, we would suggest that the remedy is within their power, without having to depend upon people a-way from home to start a relief movement. In fact, a movement for reform emanating from the county seat would be doubly appreciated by taxpayers of the county generally.

The above from the facile pen of the talbot, (or long eared, big headed hound) of the Advocate at Artesia is only one of the whole cloth, made up lies he has been disseminating for some time. If the talbot can name a single citizen of the county seat who says the brick being placed in the court house addition are not the very best material, he can do more than can any person in Carlsbad. The facts are, the above article is a whole cloth lie; pure and simple, and one of the brick should be tried on the head of the lying hound that concocted the story, just to show him how good they are. Talbot has, during the past few years endeavored to run an electric light proposition and went broke. He is now endeavoring to make a fortune by blackmailing the county board.

Wonder if the Talbot can tell how much Artesia paid for the water works—that town and how much such a plant can be built for?

There is to be a big fight made and congress is to be asked to turn over all the government lands in big leases to the big stock men. There is at least one state in the Union that cannot be induced to give big leases and that is Texas, for the four and eight section laws have proved that the land can be held by the people in small tracts and that the four section homestead is large enough.

The following from the Roswell News shows what is being done in the matter at present:

In a few days a meeting of the cowmen, sheepmen and the business men of Chaves county will be called to start a move to have Chaves county citizens line up with the citizens of Eddy and Roosevelt counties in an endeavor to have the secretary of the interior at Washington to use his influence in having a government domain lease law effective, so that the stock men will not be subject to indictment in the federal courts when they build drift fences on the public domain.

This action is brought about by: First, the absence of a law legalizing stockmen to build drift fences on the public domain and has been brought to a speedy action by the action of the United States government in enforcing the law which heretofore has been dormant in this section. Several Eddy and Chaves county stockmen have been indicted and will appear before the federal court, Judge William H. Pope, presiding at its session beginning here, February 9, 1914. Other stockmen have been advised to remove their fences.

Eddy and Roosevelt counties have already started a movement to act.

While Governor W. C. McDonald was in the Pecos Valley last week stockmen took the matter up with him and he promised to at once write the secretary of the department of the interior asking a thirty-day stay in the execution of the law. In the meantime he has promised, stockmen say, to go with a delegation from the

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three counties to Washington, D. C., to put the justice of their claims before congress.

Considering the size of this community, we have been called upon to mourn more than our share of tragic deaths within the past few months, and that two of the four should come from the gun "that is not loaded" is very remarkable. Some may say fate had willed it but when one sees little children with toy pistols pointing them at passers by it occurs to the thoughtful that deaths from the unloaded gun are few and far between when the circumstances are considered. The child snaps a toy pistol and as he comes to half grown the sport of the toy pistol becomes tame and the big shot gun or revolver seems to afford more interest or excitement and from pointing the toy to pointing the gun is only a step. Then, after innumerable times of pointing and snapping the young become careless and the result is that there are more people killed each year with "the didn't know it was loaded" gun than from almost any other one cause. The heart rending grief, brought on by terrible tragedies in such cases is generally greater to the one who points the gun than to even those near and dear if such can be. That some law should be enacted making it a crime to point any gun, even the toy pistol, at another, is generally conceded, and the sooner it is learned that habit is formed from such acts and that they are responsible for many lives the sooner steps will be taken to stop the pointing of any kind of guns at other people or even at ones self and the sooner will such awful tragedies cease.

The latest in railway news for this section is filing of incorporation papers for the Gulf, New Mexico and Pacific Railway Co. at Roswell last Friday. This line is to connect the New Mexico Central at Torrance with this valley. The chances are if the line is built as projected that the plan from Roswell south will be to absorb this end of the Santa Fe to Pecos and continue the line on to the Gulf for the Santa Fe is very anxious to dispose of the line from here to Pecos and if the laws of Texas would permit it the road would have been torn up long ago.

It is said that government ownership of the nation's telephone lines would entail an expense of no less than \$300,000,000. If the government would build its own lines over a portion of the phone lines might be purchased at a lower figure, and it would be just as fair as to destroy the express companies by the parcel post as is being done.

They Got Stalled.
James Webb, Willis Anderson and Glen Everman started from El Paso where they are working, Monday morning to visit their parents here. They started in an automobile and on account of the snow only got as far as Tularosa.

Such items as the above prove the contention of this paper that the route via the Sacramento is impossible when the Guadalupe route is in good shape. The mail auto running to Queen has made the round trip in a day every mail day and has never been laid out on account of weather. It would be a waste of cash to expend it on the Sacramento route while the Guadalupe route is shorter.

A Hot Job

This also appears to be a hard hard world from the viewpoint of the Everett Enterprise, which observes: "The stork disappears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gauntlet of measles, mumps, and chicken pox he enters school. At the age of 10 he is a red headed, freckle faced boy and the terror of the neighborhood. At 12 he is apprentice in a printing office. At 18 he has acquired two cases of long primer and an army press, and is the editor of a country newspaper. At 20 he is married. At 30 he is the father of a large family. At 35 he is a corpse in a cheap pine coffin, and as 500 delinquent subscribers file past his bier for the last time, they are heard to say: "He was a good fellow, but he couldn't save his money."

How about that railway to Hope from Artesia? Will the man who paid his hard cash to construct the grade ever get his pay? Talbot might explain why he charges Eddy County \$10 every time he meets with the road board when the law specifies that the road boards shall receive no compensation.

We want your insurance—P. L. Hopkins & Co.

Elegant Obermeyer & Sons Piano and Other Valuable Prizes to be Awarded to The Successful Candidates.

CURRENT AND CARLSBAD MERCHANTS GIVE PRIZES

Read The Announcement and Particulars on Another Page of This Issue, and Get in the Game.

The Current last week inaugurated the greatest voting contest ever held in this section of the state, and one which we believe will arouse a great deal of interest.

This contest will extend over a period of 90 days, and at the close of the contest some lady in Carlsbad or vicinity will be the proud possessor of a handsome \$400 piano.

On another page of this issue will be found a full explanation of the contest, and the rules which will govern it, and a list of beautiful and useful auxiliary prizes which will be given by the progressive merchants of the city. There are a great number of prizes besides the piano, any one of which will be well worth winning, and every contestant who gets out and makes any kind of a hustle will be sure of winning a handsome prize even if

she doesn't win the piano.

This contest is put on under the auspices of the Publisher's Music Co., of Chicago, who will have charge of the arrangements. This company makes a business of conducting these popular voting contests and at present has a number of them under way in this and other states.

Some popular lady will have a beautiful piano as the result of this contest, and a number of others will have beautiful prizes of various kinds.

Read the rules elsewhere in this issue, inspect the offerings of the merchants, and learn how you may secure votes for yourselves or friend.

Use the 25-vote coupon in this issue and cast it for some one, as it may be the starter of a winner. Fill out the nominating blank and send it or hand it in to the Current office, as this may be the means of helping some deserving lady to win a handsome piano or some of the other valuable prizes enumerated in this list.

This contest is, without doubt, the biggest business getting enterprise that has ever been presented to the people of Carlsbad and vicinity.

While the Current enjoys a good business, nevertheless we are always reaching out after more and in our present method of helping others, we hope in return to help ourselves. We expect to increase our subscription list

25 Vote Coupon

Send this vote to the Current office within 15 days from date and it will count for TWENTY-FIVE VOTES. No money is required with this Coupon.

VOTE FOR _____
December 19, 1913

Nominating Blank

POPULAR VOTE CONTEST

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of _____ 1913
Address _____
As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.
Signed _____
Address _____

Biff! Bing! Bang! And Then Some!

This is how the Epworth League social was pulled off last Tuesday evening at the Thayer home. There was something doing all the time, and some of the bewildered guests wondered how a church society could put things through in this lively fashion. But the League is live, and up and doing all the time.

Among the Christmas games played which were many, was "Mistle-Toe-Kisses" which sounds alright, doesn't it? Then "Hunting For Nuts," to the tune of several good live marches played by Miss Laura Smith, then the base ball fans had a chance to show their skill by throwing snow-balls at a cluster of sleigh bells, hung from a holly wreath; Mona Heard and Helen Cowan were pretty well at this game. But you should have seen the outfit carrying snowballs across the room on table spoons and putting each one in a stocking, so a forfeit was given for each one missed. While most of the guests were playing hard at a blindfold game in which the victim who was blindfolded walked away from the lighted candle and was spun around five or six times, then wandered to some far distant corner and blew vigorously at a pretty fern, or some fair damsel's golden hair, thinking it to be the candle; as I say, while some were doing this stunt, others were off in another corner, rather secluded, of course, playing at the good old game "Rook". But then this isn't the best, the eats soon came into play, which consisted of chocolate, coffee, all kinds of cakes, nuts, apples, candies, and last, but not least, "kisses". Well, some early risers began leaving about 11:15, but others stayed past the turning hour.

The president was master of ceremonies, and sure kept things moving and when the guests began leaving, Ted and the reception committee gave them the "glad hand", extending to all a cordial invitation to come again. Thanks, most heartily, to the Thayers for their kindness in turning the house over to the League, and also to the social committee, for such a fine program.

at an exceedingly rapid rate, and thereby benefit the advertiser.

Remember that a number of our leading merchants are interested in this contest and give 25-vote coupons with every dollar cash purchase. Also those who do not fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest can call or write this office and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

Remember to have your friends trade with them merchants who are giving the coupons. They are reliable trades people as follows:

Eddy Drug Store.
R. M. Thorne.
Joyce-Pruit Co.
J. R. Linn.
H. H. Dilley.
Roberts-Debarbore Hardware Co.
The Groves Lumber Co.

About forty-five were present.

A GUEST.
The Christmas exercises at Grace church were called off owing to the death of George Finlay, a member of the Sunday school.

Christian & Co., Insurance.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by All Druggists.

Baxter Culp and wife, came in from Monument in their car, with Whit Knowles and Miss Vera Boyd, where later the young folks were married. They are still in the city and made this office a pleasant call.

Bert Sands, Tuesday, sold to Col. W. S. Williams, the stock man ranching some forty miles north east, a fine new Chalmers Six. This is a similar car to the one sold John Hart some two weeks ago and that one has given such excellent satisfaction that Mr. Hart advised Col. Williams to purchase one like it.

Christian & Co., Insurance.

Happy New Year

I wish all my friends and patrons a Happy New Year

Yours for a square deal

Milton Smith

Christmas Tree at Methodist Church.

Wednesday night at the Methodist church the annual treat and tree was given.

A program was presented by the girls of the Intermediate League, as follows:

The Christmas Story—Lucile Johnson.
Song—"A Merry Christmas"—Gladys Bush.

Piano Solo—Alice Walter.

Recitation—Jewel Moore.

Solo, "When the Roses Bloom in Heaven"—Grace Stevenson.

Reading—Winnie Dishman.

Instrumental Duet—Marie Lee Newton, Winnie Dishman.

Recitation—Serena Perry.

Dialogue—"The Star of Bethlehem"—By nine girls.

Tableau.

At the conclusion of the program Santa appeared with his treat of candy oranges and apples and the children went home happy.

Christmas at the Presbyterian Sunday School.

The Presbyterian Sunday school gave the following very interesting program, Wednesday evening at 7:30:

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Davis.

Recitation—Opening Address—William Fessenden.

Recitation—Margaret Hegler.

Recitation—George Blair.

Song—Miss Grove's class.

Recitation—Frank Lucas.

Exercise—Nellie Linn, Rena rFenn, Helen Wright.

Recitation—Howard Johns.

Vocal Duet—Dorothy Swigart and Elizabeth Allbritton.

Recitation—Agnes Thorne.

Recitation—Archer Woodwell.

Recitation—Glenn Jackwood.

Song—Mrs. Williams' class.

Recitation—Russell Crawford.

Christmas Exercise—Donald Swigart, Wallace Thorne, Wallace Vest.

Song—Miss Heard's class.

Song—School.

SANTA CLAUS.

St. Edwards Catholic church observed Christmas in a very impressive and beautiful manner. The altar was decorated with beautiful altar cloths and evergreens, the artistic work of the Altar Society. Just as the dawn rose over the hills, little children, the girls in white dresses, began singing in the library and entered through the sacristy into the body of the church, and surrounded the crib where lay the image of the Little Child who came to bring light and life into the world. Above hung the Star, and near by were the shepherd's feeding their flocks. The decorations were very beautiful and much admired and will be kept in place for some days that all may have an opportunity of seeing them.

Rev. J. N. S. Webb has had to make some changes in his appointments because of bad weather. However, he expects to preach at Malaga next Sunday at 2 P. M., and at Loving next Sunday at 11 A. M. He will also preach at Otis the first Sunday in each month and at Rocky Arroya School House the 2nd Sunday.

Sam Lusk, youngest son of V. H. Lusk, is spending the holidays at the home of his father in Eddy County. Sam is a student at the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell.

John A. Hartshorn last week purchased the farm of I. N. Hoag, east of Malaga, and will run the same as a hog ranch. Mr. Hartshorn already owns about 200 registered red hogs and in connection with his hogs he will superintend the alfalfa and hog ranch belonging to the Harroun Land Company, just across the river. Mr. Harroun owns about 300 registered hogs.

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NOW HER FRIENDS HARDLY KNOW HER

But This Does Not Bother Mrs. Burton, Under the Circumstances.

Houston, Texas.—In an interesting letter from this city, Mrs. S. C. Burton writes as follows: "I think it is my duty to tell you what your medicine, Cardui, the woman's tonic, has done for me.

I was down sick with womanly trouble, and my mother advised several different treatments, but they didn't seem to do me any good. I lingered along for three or four months, and for three weeks, I was in bed, so sick I couldn't bear for any one to walk across the floor.

My husband advised me to try Cardui, the woman's tonic. I have taken two bottles of Cardui, am feeling fine, gained 15 pounds and do all of my housework. Friends hardly know me, I am so well."

If you suffer from any of the ailments so common to women, don't allow the trouble to become chronic. Begin taking Cardui to-day. It is purely vegetable, its ingredients acting in a gentle, natural way on the weakened womanly constitution. You run no risk in trying Cardui. It has been helping weak women back to health and strength for more than 50 years. It will help you. At all dealers.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 24-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 100-5

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Able, and daughter, Miss Barbara, of Kansas City, were in Carlsbad over Christmas visiting the family of Judge S. I. Roberts. They expect to leave for their home tonight.

Among many pleasant family dinners Christmas Day, was that held by the May family at the home of William May and wife, near Otis. Chas. May, wife and daughter, Florence and John May, attended from here and report a good time and a fine dinner.

Wm. May has been working this week at the Reclamation service building, in this city, on the crop census for the year 1913. The census brings out the fact that a larger acreage is being irrigated under the Carlsbad Project than ever before.

One of the very pleasant features of the entertainment given at the Methodist church Christmas eve, was a duet by the two sons of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Stewart and John. "Always Got A Girl Named Daisy" was the title of the song which delighted all who heard it.

J. S. Crozier, who has been a resident of Carlsbad for a long time, has closed out his business here and is now a resident of El Paso. His family had preceded him some months.

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